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SUBJ: ALGERIANS CONCERNED OVER INCREASED CUBAN INVOLVEMENT
IN AFRICA

1. MFA DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS OLE BIERRING TOLD ME
YESTERDAY THAT AT THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST HE RE-
CEIVED HERE ON JUNE 26 THE ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO BONN. THE
AMBASSADOR, MOHAMMED SAHNOUN, WANTED PRINCIPALLY TO DISCUSS
THE SITUATION IN AFRICA AND TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN REGARDING
THE INCREASED CUBAN INVOLVEMENT THERE. AMBASSADOR SAHNOUN
REPORTEDLY SAID THAT DEEPER CUBAN INVOLVEMENT HAS MADE IT MORE
DIFFICULT FOR THE AFRICANS TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS AND HAS
ALSO COMPROMISED CUBAN STANDING AS A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY.

2. MY DANISH COLLEAGUE THOUGHT THE CONVERSATION WAS NOTE-
WORTHY SINCE THE ALGERIANS TOOK THE INITIATIVE FOR THE MEET-
ING AND THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY AMBASSADOR SAHNOUN WERE CON-
SIDERABLY MORE MODERATE THAN THE DANES WOULD HAVE EXPECTED.
I UNDERSTAND THAT MY BRITISH COUNTERPART HERE WAS GIVEN A
SIMILAR READOUT BY BIERRING.

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